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Residents near Clean Harbors Colfax are have been and continue to be exposed to many of the same things that the soldiers were exposed to by the burn pits. Many of the soldiers have died from some of the same things our area residents near Clean Harbors have died from. Both groups have very similar medical problems today. The common thread is the the contaminants at both sites.

Congress has now done something to help the veterans exposed to the contaminants at the burn pits. It is now time for LDEQ and EPA to follow the most recent directives and stop open burning/open detonation at Clean Harbors Colfax. That means ZERO , NONE., 100%, NO MORE OPEN BURNING AT COLFAX CLEAN HARBORS.

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Forwarding good news - WOW! Laura

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Community Update

Statement by President Joe Biden on Senate Passage of the Bipartisan PACT Act

August 02, 2022

While we can never fully repay the enormous debt we owe to those who have worn the uniform, today, the United States Congress took important action to meet this sacred obligation. The bipartisan *Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our PACT Act of 2022* is the biggest expansion of benefits for service-connected health issues in 30 years and the largest single bill ever to comprehensively address exposure to burn pits.

I called for this legislation in my State of the Union address, as part of my Unity Agenda to help bring together our nation. Congress has delivered a decisive and bipartisan win for America's veterans. I want to thank Chair Tester and Ranking Member Moran as well as Chair Takano and Ranking Member Bost for their tireless work to pass this major reform, and the courageous veterans and advocates whose tenacity and heart ensured this legislation got done.

For the millions of veterans who may have been exposed to harmful toxins, this bill means quicker access to health care services and other benefits. This could be the difference between life and death for many suffering from toxic related illnesses. For the spouse or child of a servicemember who died from toxic exposure, struggling to put their lives back together, this bill will be a lifeline. It

means a monthly stipend for a surviving spouse and kids, and access to tuition benefits to help cover the cost of college. It means access to life insurance, home loan assistance, and help with health care. It matters.

I have long said we have a lot of obligations as a nation, but we have only one sacred obligation – to prepare and equip those we send to war and to take care of them and their families when they come home.

I look forward to signing this bill, so that veterans and their families and caregivers impacted by toxic exposures finally get the benefits and comprehensive health care they earned and deserve.



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FACT SHEET: PACT Act Delivers on President Biden's Promise to America's Veterans

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/08/02/fact-sheet-president-biden-issues-executive-order-at-the-first-meeting-of-the-task-force-on-reproductive-healthcare-access/>

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